

Disclosure
Abstract of the ~~Invention~~

A communications system comprising a common device (e.g. an ATM physical layer (PHY)) and higher layer devices (e.g. an ATM layer and an AAL2 layer) are connected via a bus for communication of traffic therebetween, the bus comprising lines for carrying data and control signals. The bus supports data in ATM form and AAL2 form and the devices ~~comprise~~ *discriminate*

~~discrimination means for discriminating~~ between the two forms of data traffic. The data in

AAL2 form typically comprises AAL2 mini-cells associated with ~~a means of~~ identification of the source or destination of the mini-cells.